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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of: )  
John C. HERMANSEN )  
Serial No. 09/275,766 ) Examiner: N/A  
Filed: March 25, 1999 ) Art Unit: N/A  
Title: AUTOMATED PAYMENT )  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

STATUS INQUIRY

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. More than seven months have passed since the application was filed.
2. Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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